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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S VISIT

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1. WISH TO REITERATE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BEING ABLE TO TELL BULGARIANS SOON WHETHER DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE HERE LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 16 OR MID-MORNING SEPT 17. WE WILL NEED TO SEND A DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MFA TO GET THE PLANNING PROCESS STARTED. WHAT WE SAID IN REFTEL ABOUT PREOCCUPATION OF PROTOCOL WITH OTHER MATTERS DURING COMING WEEK IS NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT DELAY IN SENDING THIS INFO TO THEM WILL NOT MATTER. ON THE CONTRARY, WE MUST GET THEM TO START FOCUSSED ON PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID GETTING INTO A BIND DURING THE NEXT FOLLOWING HOLIDAY WEEK.

2. INCIDENTALLY, PROTOCOL HAS JUST ANNOUNCED AN ALL-DAY OUTING FOR ALL AMBASSADORS AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV SEPTEMBER 12. COUPLED WITH FACT THAT NO WORK AT ALL IS DONE HERE DURING HOLIDAYS SEPT 9 AND 10, AND ONLY LITTLE ON SEPT 8, THIS MEANS THAT THE INEVITABLE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN SOFIA AND WASHINGTON ON DETAILS OF THE SCHEDULE SHOULD IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BEGIN EARLY NEXT WEEK, DESPITE FACT THAT PROTOCOL WILL BE DEALING WITH A MASS OF VIP'S DURING THE PLOVDIV FAIR. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO SEND NOTE TO MFA MONDAY (LABOR DAY) AND AM REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR MORNING TUESDAY, SEPT 2.

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3. SINCE AT THIS SMALL EMBASSY COMMUNICATORS ARE OFF DUTY
SATURDAYS AND WE ARE CLOSED SEPT 1, PLEASE REPLY BY
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